

News from the Bay County Executive

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Bay County's Rating Improves with Standard & Poor's

Standard & Poor's informed Bay County that our Bond rating has moved up three notches from "A" to "AA." Accord to S & P's rating definitions, Bay County has a "very strong capacity to meeting financial commitments."

[Click here](#) for more information on Standard & Poor's.

Board Meetings for June 2010



June 1 - Ways & Means

June 8 - Board of Commissioners

June 15 - Personnel/Judicial & Human Services

* All meetings start at 4:00PM in the Board Chambers on the 4th floor of the Bay County Building

Smoke-Free Law Information

As of May 1, 2010, all workplaces, bars, and restaurants in Michigan became smoke-free. Public Act 188, known as the Ron M. Davis Law, named after the late chief medical officer of the Department of Public Health, will make Michigan the 38th state to ban smoking in public places.

Enforcement of the new law is the responsibility of the owner, manager, or other person in charge of the establishment. The Bay County Health Department is responsible for the enforcement in Bay County. Individuals and business owners who violate the law will be subjected to penalties of \$100 for the first offense and \$500 for subsequent offenses.



The Michigan Department of Community Health has developed a website, www.michigan.gov/smokefree, that communicates the details of the law, provides information for businesses on how to comply with the law, and contains affidavits for businesses wishing to apply for the cigar bar and tobacco specialty shop exemption. The website also includes a Frequently Asked Questions document that answers the most commonly asked questions regarding the law.

You may also visit the Bay County Health Department's website for information on compliance with the law at www.baycounty-mi.gov/health. "No Smoking" signs are available for download from the website. "No Smoking" decals are also available at the Bay County Health Department at 1200 Washington Avenue in Bay City.

For questions concerning the Smoke-Free Law or to report a violation of the law you may call 989-895-4281.

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Bay County Golf Course

Upcoming Tournaments:

Starting June 1
Member Match Play

June 5-6
Halub Cup
Qualifying

July 18
Parent/Child
Tournament

August 7-8
Men's County
Tournament

August 14-15
Women's County
Tournament

August 14-15
Senior's County
Tournament

September 12
Tough Hole
Scramble

October 10
Fall Scramble

**584 West Hampton
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Essexville, MI 48732**

**(989) 892-2161 Voice
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Millage Renewals for August 3, 2010 Primary Ballot

The Bay County Board of Commissioners approved two millage renewals to be added to the August 3, 2010 primary ballot.

The 9-1-1 Central Dispatch Millage proposal will renew the property tax limitation by .70 of a mill (70¢ per \$1,000 of taxable value) to fund the continued operations of the 9-1-1 Central Dispatch. This millage will raise estimated revenues of \$2,070,987 in the first year. It would be in effect for six years if passed, from 2010 through 2015.

The Senior Citizens Millage Renewal will also be on the ballot. This millage will renew the property tax limitation by .50 of a mill (50¢ per \$1,000 of taxable value) to fund the continuation of programs for senior citizens without interruption. It will raise estimated revenues of \$1,479,276 in the first year. This millage would also be in effect for six years if passed, from 2010 through 2015.

Sincerely,

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